

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, and 13-15 are pending herein.

I. The amendment may be permissibly entered after final rejection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants are respectfully aware of the limitations placed on amendments after final rejection. Applicants respectfully note that the amendments to claim 1 merely correct an informality, i.e., the amendment changes “a ink” to “an ink.” Thus, it is respectfully asserted that no new search is required and the amendment may be entered after final rejection.

II. The double patenting rejections.

The USPTO respectfully provisionally rejects claims 1, 3-5, and 13-15 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 15, and 16 of co-pending application No. 10/529,006.

Applicants respectfully note that a terminal disclaimer is attached herein. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the double patenting rejections have been overcome and that claims 1, 3-5, and 13-15 are respectfully allowable.

III. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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